

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**  
**(Large Entity)**

Docket No.

*AYL-1-CONT-2*

In Re Application Of: *A.J. AYLING*

Application No. <i>10/780,796</i>	Filing Date <i>18 FEB. 04</i>	Examiner <i>F. TSAI</i>	Customer No.	Group Art Unit <i>3672</i>	Confirmation No.
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Invention:

*CONTINUOUS CIRCULATION DRILLING METHOD*

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of *23 JAN. 06* above-identified application.  
*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☒ One month    ☐ Two months    ☐ Three months    ☐ Four months    ☐ Five months

from: *23 FEB. 06*    until: *23 MAR. 06*  
*Date*    *Date*

The fee for the extension of time is <sup>\$</sup>*120.00* and is to be paid as follows:

- ☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. *50-0765*
- ☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. *50-0765*

*Ronald P. Sherer*  
Signature

Dated: *23 FEB. 06*

I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on *23 FEB. 06* with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

*R. B. Sherer*  
Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence

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